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## CONGRATULATIONS, TOPEKA CIVIC THEATRE!

I'M GETTING MY ACT TOGETHER AND TAKING IT ON THE ROAD, directed by Terrance McKerrs and starring Nancy Engelken, Annette Klein, June Murphy, and Kevin Hoover, with musical direction by David Tittsworth and set design by Dennis Lamberson, won the Region V FACT in Minot, ND in late April and went on to become third place winner at the National FACT '85 in Racine, WI. TCT's production was one of ten performances in Racine. First place was awarded to the Mummies of Oklahoma City for their production of LONE STAR, and second place went to the Bonfils

Theatre of Denver, CO, for their performance of BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR. Judges for the National FACT were Richard Coe, Critic Emeritus of the Washington Post, Art Cole, Director Emeritus of Theatre Midland (TX) and one of the "founders" of FACT, and N. Richard Nash, playwright, best know for THE RAINMAKER.

The Racine Theatre Guild did an outstanding job of hosting the FACT in their beautiful theatre, modeled after the Guthrie in Minneapolis. FACT '87 will be hosted by O.U. and Ok. Comm. Theatre Assn.



## 1986 CONVENTION PLANNING UNDERWAY

Olathe Holiday Inn, a new, award-winning hotel facility, and Olathe South High School will be the sites of our 1986 Convention February 14-16, 1986.

Theme of our twelfth annual Convention will be "The Role of Theatre in Lifelong Learning in Kansas." We have already lined up Suzan Zeder, Jerry Proffit, Sam Smiley and Jim Carver to be our special guests, and are negotiating with a "star" to keynote our theme and perform for us during the weekend.

In keeping with our theme, we are reaching out to educators, school board members, legislators, and arts leaders in the state who play key roles in the decision-making process regarding curriculum in our schools and colleges. We are inviting four groups to perform (children's theatre, secondary school theatre, university/college theatre and community theatre) and will key on the value of the process in human development and lifelong learning.

Be our Valentines - be there!

## CONVENTION VIDEOTAPES AVAILABLE

Video tapes were made of selected sessions at our 1985 Convention in Topeka. You may rent them for \$5 each for two weeks--contact the Central Office.

1. STAGE MAKEUP: SPECIAL EFFECTS AND OLD AGE DEMONSTRATION by Arden Weaver, Scenic Designer, Wichita State University. In this video, Arden Weaver gives a follow-along demonstration of the basics of old age make-up. He discusses many makeup principles as he applies makeup on a model. Scars and bruises are also discussed. Good for in-class usage. Approx. 1 hour long.

2. ADAPTING PROSE NARRATIVE FOR THE STAGE by Ron Frederickson, Prof. of Theatre, ESU. This is a good example of what is known as "Interpreter's Theatre," "Readers Theatre" and "Chamber Theatre." A performance and discussion of scenes from ANASTASIA KRUPNIK is featured. Adaptation tips and samples of prose adaptation are also given. This video will give beginners--both performers and directors, as well as seasoned pros "food for thought" on this subject. 1 hour.

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AMERICAN THEATRE is the magazine published by Theatre Communications Group. 11 issues for \$24. Write: American Theatre, TCG, 355 Lexington Ave., NYC 10017.

ACCESSIBLE THEATRE ARTS PROGRAMS, a guide published by the Fine Arts Section of the Texas Education Agency last spring, is a 54-page guide detailing practical ideas for removing psychological and physical barriers in theatre programs, leading to creative interaction of both able-bodied and disabled performers. It was developed by Kim Wheatley and the ATA Program on Drama and Theatre By, With, and For Handicapped Individuals. Available for \$1.25 from the Publications Distribution Office, Texas Education Agency, 210 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701.

ATA, through its Commission on Theatre Education, has developed some materials to assist educators in serving as theatre advocates. Four policy papers are now available from the ATA National Office (1010 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007): Theatre in General Education, Theatre in Career Education, Theatre in Elementary Education, Theatre in High School Education. A fifth paper on theatre in middle school/junior high school education is in process.

For you Trivial Pursuit freaks, a new book should help you come in a winner--THE TONY AWARD, updated edition, covers winners and nominees from 1947 to today (with a history of the American Theatre Wing). Available for \$12.95 from Crown Publishers, Inc., Dept. 941, 34 Engelhard Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001 (include \$1 post.)

The Ohio Community Theatre Association has two monographs prepared for community theatres: INSURANCE FOR THEATRES by James Amstutz, CPCU and WHO'S OUT THERE--WHY? WHO'S NOT OUT THERE--WHY? by Wallace Sterling. The cost is \$2.50 each. Send requests to Ohio Community Theatre Assn, c/o Janet C. Michel, Exec. Secy., 824 Woodworth Dr., Findlay, OH 45840.

Did you know there is a "Journal of the Ibsen Year in America" called IBSEN NEWS AND COMMENT? It is published by the Ibsen Society of America. Direct inquiries to: Treasurer, Ibsen Society of America, Dekalb Hall 3, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY 11205.

The Secondary School Theatre Assn., a division of ATA, has published a monograph, "Theatre Production Course" which is available for \$1.50 per copy. It is a guide to designing and implementing a co-curricular laboratory course for the application and synthesis of all the elements of theatre. It enables students who are actively participating in play production activities outside of the regular school day to receive recognition and academic credit for their many hours of creative and educational endeavor. It is available from Judith Rethwisch, Affton High School, 8309 MacKenzie Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123 (make check payable to SSTA Ways and Means).

Theatre Crafts Magazine has compiled an "information-packed, no-nonsense guide to working in the performing arts." Called "WORKING!", this career guide is available from Theatre Crafts, 135 Fifth Ave., NYC 10010-7193.

THE BOARD MEMBERS BOOK: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS by Brian O'Connell, is available from The Foundation Center, New York, NY 10003 for \$16.95.

THEATRE EDUCATION: MANDATE FOR TOMORROW edited by Jed H. Davis has been published by Anchorage Press and the Children's Theatre Foundation, PO Box 8067, New Or. LA. 70182.

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5. GRANTS: STRATEGIES FOR THE LATE 80s by Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, Development Office KU. The discussion is centered on four points:

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2. Assumptions about grant writing;  
3. Parts of a proposal;  
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6. SHORT CUTS AND CHEAP TRICKS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL THEATRE by Roger Ramseyer, Olathe South H.S., Dennis Lamberson, Topeka Civic Theatre, Pat Foltz, Wamego H.S. A compilation of 37 years of theatrical experience is shared in this video. Money-saving techniques are discussed and demonstrated, as well as time-saving devices and alternatives to set dressing. Ways of gathering props and making money is also included. Working in the small school with no program through working in a large school with an established program is discussed. An excellent video for gathering information on short cuts and cheap tricks for anyone involved in producing theatre. Approx. 90 minutes.

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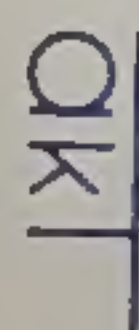
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